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REMARKS

Claims 35-81 are pending upon entry of the above amendment. It is noted that independent claims 45, 55, 59, and 68 take language from allowed claims 1, 22, 24, 26, and 35 in the related application Serial No. 10/975,743, but now, for example, refer to an energy absorbing system. Consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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